

BAL HARBOUR

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UPDATE #30 COVID-19

April 11, 2020 (5:00 PM)

The Mayor, the Village Council, Village Manager, and the entire Bal Harbour Village staff, wish all those who are celebrating a Happy Easter. Although you may be celebrating Easter at home this year, know that the Bal Harbour community is celebrating with you.

The Village Emergency Operations Team is working hard to ensure the health and well-being of the community. We continue to monitor the latest information on COVID-19 (Coronavirus), and strive to share the most current information available.

Miami-Dade County Order Relative to Face Coverings

On April 9, 2020, Miami-Dade County issued Emergency Order 20-20, relative to face coverings. Following are the requirements of this order:

- (1) Persons working in or visiting grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies, construction sites, public transit vehicles, vehicles for hire, and locations where social distancing measures are not possible shall wear facial coverings as defined by the CDC.
- (2) A facial covering includes any covering which snugly covers the face and mouth, whether store bought or homemade, and which is secured with ties or ear loops.
- (3) A mask shall not be required for children under two or persons who have trouble breathing due to a chronic pre-existing condition.

For examples of compliant face coverings, and instructions on how to make one, please visit the [CDC website](#). The Do It Yourself (DIY) instructions for face coverings are attached to this update.

Testing Sites

Please be advised that testing site hours may be modified for Sunday, April 12, 2020. For a complete listing of testing site locations and hours, please visit the [Miami-Dade County Coronavirus webpage](#).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

We have also compiled a list of frequently asked questions from residents of Bal Harbour Village, for your convenience, regarding the Coronavirus. A copy of the updated "FAQs" can be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/3b3RclU>.

The next Village Update on COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2020, unless conditions warrant one sooner.

Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

CDC on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.

CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?

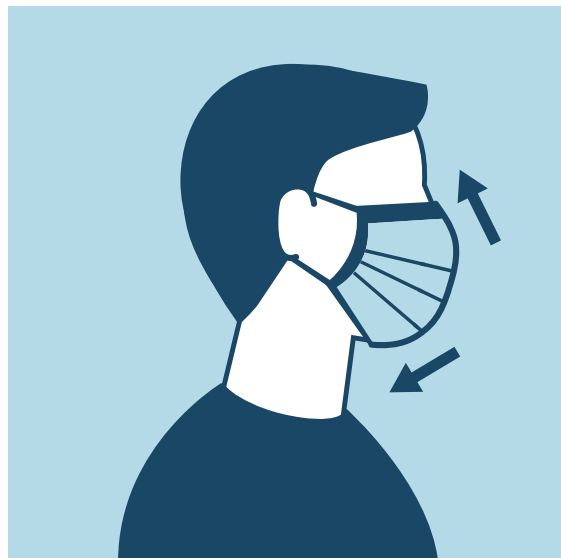
Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a cloth face covering.

How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

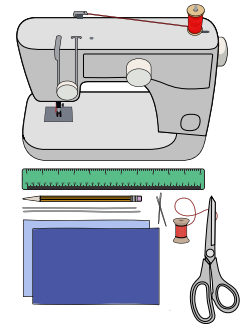
Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their cloth face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.



Sewn Cloth Face Covering

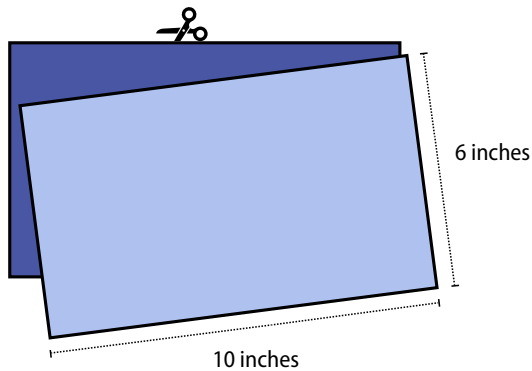
Materials

- Two 10"x6" rectangles of cotton fabric
- Two 6" pieces of elastic (or rubber bands, string, cloth strips, or hair ties)
- Needle and thread (or bobby pin)
- Scissors
- Sewing machine

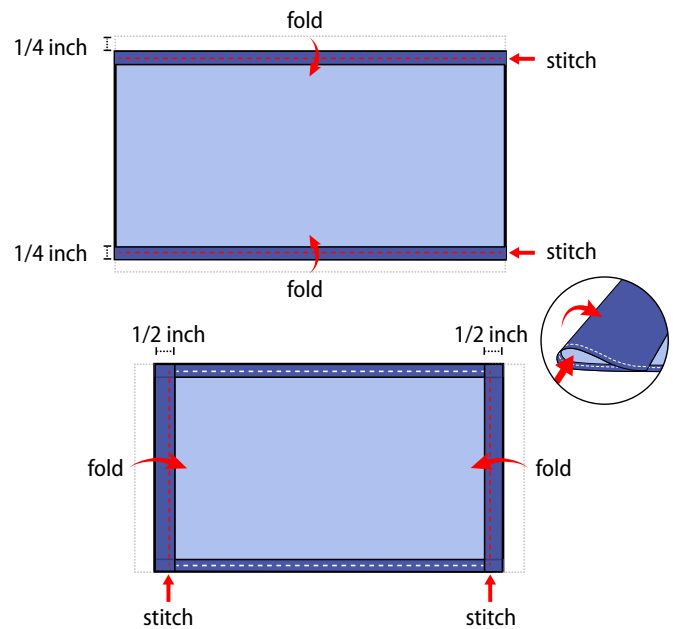


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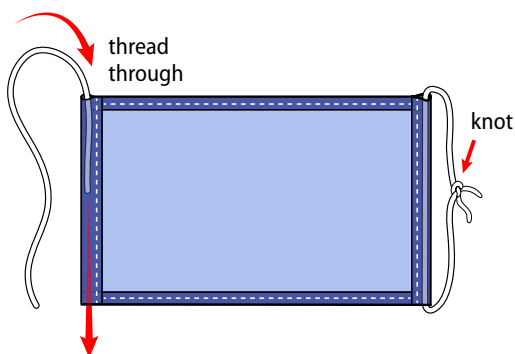
1. Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the cloth face covering as if it was a single piece of fabric.



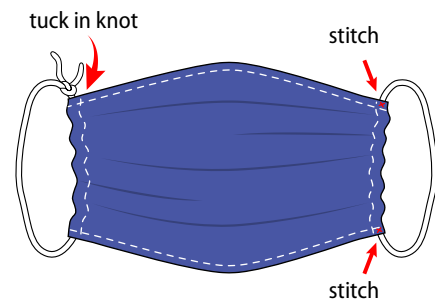
2. Fold over the long sides $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and hem. Then fold the double layer of fabric over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch along the short sides and stitch down.



3. Run a 6-inch length of $\frac{1}{8}$ -inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the cloth face covering. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. Tie the ends tight. Don't have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic head bands. If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the cloth face covering behind your head.



4. Gently pull on the elastic so that the knots are tucked inside the hem. Gather the sides of the cloth face covering on the elastic and adjust so the cloth face covering fits your face. Then securely stitch the elastic in place to keep it from slipping.

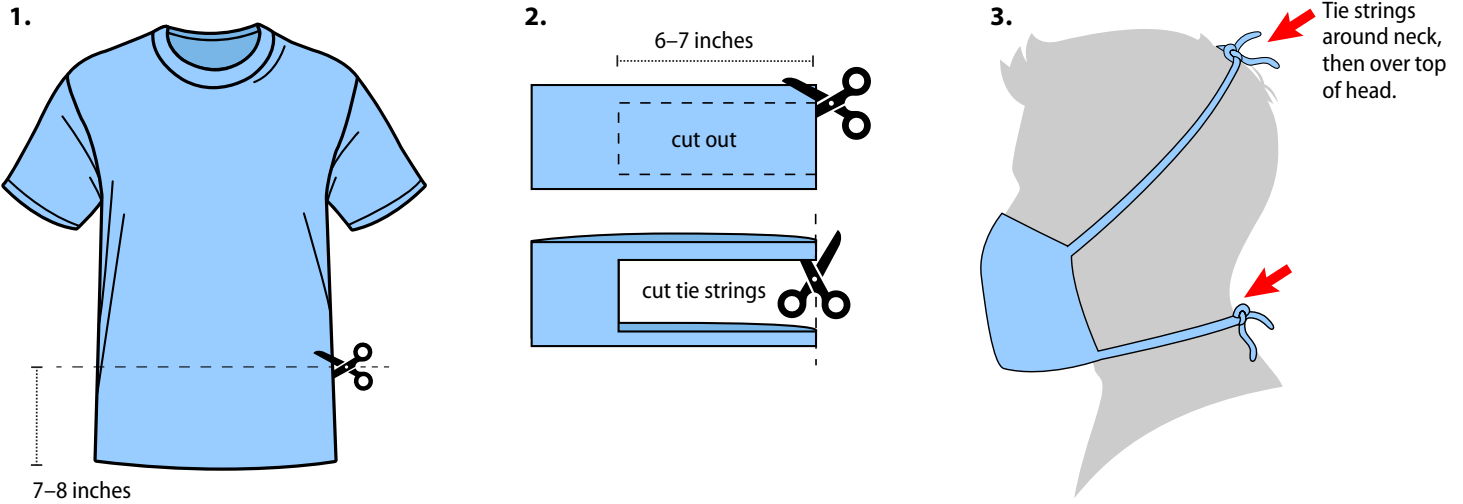


Quick Cut T-shirt Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

Materials

- T-shirt
- Scissors

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Bandana Cloth Face Covering (no sew method)

Materials

- Bandana (or square cotton cloth approximately 20"x20")
- Coffee filter
- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

Tutorial

